

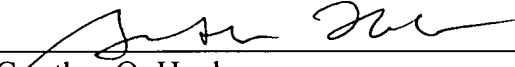
REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-23 remain pending and have been found allowable.

In light of the above amendment the Applicants earnestly believe the application to be in condition for allowance and respectfully request that it be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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